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Vichy, May 25, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

Your letters of the 12th and 15th came this morning together with enclosures which I greatly enjoyed reading.

Assuredly do I consent to the acceptance of Governor Mead's glorious gift of a chapel for Middlebury College and to the appointment of the special committee to control its erection. I trust that this committee will secure a design as perfect in form and adaptation as the chapel at Williams College. ~~You have doubtless seen this.~~

Those papers you have sent me make me very happy. I rejoice at what the trustees and alumni have done and I am glad to see that you have, in the sporting phrase, got your "second wind" and that you are carrying on the work with good courage. I believe that still greater things are coming to Middlebury under your administration. I am fully persuaded that the report of the Carnegie investigators will not in the end harm Middlebury. It has called the attention of the people of the state to the condition of the schools and set them to thinking. In late years little attention has been paid to education. More must now be given.

Yours truly,

Henry H. Vail